

In response to the Examiner's objection to the title of the invention, the title has been amended in this response. It is respectfully asserted that this title is sufficiently descriptive, and requested that the Examiner approve of this title change.

Claims 1-8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over the admitted prior art. Also, claims 1-8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over the admitted prior art in view of either one of Hisamatsu et al., Nishida et al., and/or Sato et al. These rejections are moot in view of the cancellation of claims 1-8. In addition, a similar rejection with respect to claims 9-14 would also be improper.

One Embodiment of the Invention

One embodiment of the invention relates to a system for processing information. In the detailed example in the specification, a computer is able to obtain related information of a storage medium in accordance with identification information stored on the storage medium. For example, a music CD ROM, a photo-CD ROM or a video-CD ROM may include extra information regarding the music, photos, and videos, respectively. In a music CD, the related information could include the title of the CD, the list of songs, a picture, words of a song, the home page of a singer, names of a singer, writer, composer, etc. Such extra information may be utilized to obtain further related information about the medium from a separate storage medium, (for example, the network).

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The Admitted Prior Art

The Examiner alleges that the description of the related art on pages 1 and 2 of the specification meets the recitation of the claims. The conventional art described in this portion of the specification refer to a CD-ROM including a photo-CD and enhanced music CD (or CD-extra) and video CD. Further, the conventional art describes activating a plurality of programs in a time sharing fashion and operating a plurality of functions in parallel. A reproducing program may function to play music of a CD and to display related information of the music CD such as a title of the CD and name of the music on the display. A browser program functions to allow a user to type in related information displayed by the reproducing information to search for further related information from a server.

Hisamatsu et al.

Hisamatsu et al. teaches a reproducing apparatus for a disc-like recording medium in which administration information of recorded information is recorded together with the information. Data for reproducing tracks of music or the like are recorded in the innermost circumferential side of the disc as administration information called Table of Contents (TOC data).

Nishida et al.

Similarly, Nishida et al. teaches a disc selection control device for a multi-disc player in which disc content identifying information and TOC of the discs are stored on a disc.

Sato et al.

Similarly, Sato et al. merely teaches a display apparatus for a multi-disc player including a memory for storing data of titles and disc kinds for a plurality of discs and a controller for reading all the stored data and displaying the title and disc kind of each disc on a display in accordance with the read data. A user can acknowledge the content of each disc at a glance without actually playing the disc.

However, none of the prior art teaches or suggests "reading means for reading address information from an information storing medium provided in an information server, and means for obtaining related information corresponding to the address in accordance with the address information" as recited by claim 9. Claims 10-14 depend from claim 9. For this reason, it is respectfully asserted that a similar rejection applied to claims 9-14 would be improper.

In the event the Examiner believes this application is not in condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Patrick D. Muir at (202) 638-5000 to arrange for an interview to expedite prosecution of this application.

In the event that this paper is not timely filed, the applicants hereby petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fee for this extension may be charged to Deposit Account No. 14-1060, along with any other additional fees which may be required with respect to this paper.

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